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## **PURCELL FIRE, APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST**

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**LOCATION:** The Purcell Fire is located about 30 miles southwest of Winslow, AZ and about 9 miles northwest of Heber, AZ on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. The terrain is relatively flat above numerous canyons.

**STARTED:** May 18, 2006 **Acres:** 100 **CAUSE:** probably lightning **CONTAINED:** 0%

**FUELS:** The Purcell Fire is named after a nearby geographic feature – Purcell Canyon. The fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper vegetation.

**SUMMARY:** The Purcell Fire was detected about 2:00 pm today. There were several other wildfires burning at that time due to a thunderstorm that moved across the Forest earlier in the day.

**OBJECTIVES:** Crews will continue to try to stop the forward advance of the fire and improve containment lines on the flank. Dozers will be working to build a line around the fire during the night.

**CONCERNS:** The terrain is relatively flat and very rocky in areas; safety of fire crews tonight is paramount.

**RESOURCES:** There are 5 Engines, 3 Dozers, several hand crews and a 6000 gallon water truck. There are 100 fire personnel currently assigned to the fire. Aviation resources will be available tomorrow.

**RESTRICTIONS:** There are no travel restrictions in the area and Forest Road 504 and 153 remain open.

**INCIDENT COMMAND POST LOCATION:** Junction of the Forest Road 504 and 153.